

**ATTACHMENT A****BASIN PLAN PROHIBITIONS**

California Water Code Section 13243 provides that a Regional Board, in a water quality control plan, may specify certain conditions or areas where the discharge of waste, or certain types of waste is not permitted. The following discharge prohibitions are applicable to any person, as defined by Section 13050(c) of the California Water Code, who is a citizen, domiciliary, or political agency or entity of California whose activities in California could affect the quality of waters of the state within the boundaries of the San Diego Region.

1. The discharge of waste to waters of the state in a manner causing, or threatening to cause a condition of pollution, contamination or nuisance as defined in California Water Code Section 13050, is prohibited.
2. The discharge of waste to land, except as authorized by waste discharge requirements or the terms described in California Water Code Section 13264 is prohibited.
3. The discharge of pollutants or dredged or fill material to waters of the United States except as authorized by an NPDES permit or a dredged or fill material permit (subject to the exemption described in California Water Code §13376) is prohibited.
4. Discharges of recycled water to lakes or reservoirs used for municipal water supply or to inland surface water tributaries thereto are prohibited, unless this Regional Board issues a NPDES permit authorizing such a discharge; the proposed discharge has been approved by the State Department of Health Services and the operating agency of the impacted reservoir; and the discharger has an approved fail-safe long-term disposal alternative.
5. The discharge of waste to inland surface waters, except in cases where the quality of the discharge complies with applicable receiving water quality objectives, is prohibited. Allowances for dilution may be made at the discretion of the Regional Board. Consideration would include streamflow data, the degree of treatment provided and safety measures to ensure reliability of facility performance. As an example, discharge of secondary effluent would probably be permitted if streamflow provided 100:1 dilution capability.
6. The discharge of waste in a manner causing flow, ponding, or surfacing on lands not owned or under the control of the discharger is prohibited, unless the discharge is authorized by the Regional Board.
7. The dumping, deposition, or discharge of waste directly into waters of the state, or adjacent to such waters in any manner which may permit its being transported into the waters, is prohibited unless authorized by the Regional Board.
8. Any discharge to a storm water conveyance system that is not composed entirely of "*storm water*" is prohibited unless authorized by the Regional Board. [The federal regulations, 40 CFR 122.26 (b) (13), define storm water as storm water runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface runoff and drainage. 40 CFR 122.26 (b) (2) defines an illicit discharge as any discharge to a storm water conveyance system that is not composed entirely of storm water except discharges pursuant to a NPDES permit and discharges resulting from fire fighting activities. [§122.26 amended at 56 FR 56553, November 5, 1991; 57 FR 11412, April 2, 1992].
9. The unauthorized discharge of treated or untreated sewage to waters of the state or to a storm water conveyance system is prohibited.

10. The discharge of industrial wastes to conventional septic tank/subsurface disposal systems, except as authorized by the terms described in California Water Code Section 13264, is prohibited.
11. The discharge of radioactive wastes amenable to alternative methods of disposal into the waters of the state is prohibited.
12. The discharge of any radiological, chemical, or biological warfare agent into waters of the state is prohibited.
13. The discharge of waste into a natural or excavated site below historic water levels is prohibited unless the discharge is authorized by the Regional Board.
14. The discharge of sand, silt, clay, or other earthen materials from any activity, including land grading and construction, in quantities which cause deleterious bottom deposits, turbidity or discoloration in waters of the state or which unreasonably affect, or threaten to affect, beneficial uses of such waters is prohibited.
15. The discharge of treated or untreated sewage from vessels to Mission Bay, Oceanside Harbor, Dana Point Harbor, or other small boat harbors is prohibited.
16. The discharge of untreated sewage from vessels to San Diego Bay is prohibited.
17. The discharge of treated sewage from vessels to portions of San Diego Bay that are less than 30 feet deep at mean lower low water (MLLW) is prohibited.
18. The discharge of treated sewage from vessels, which do not have a properly functioning US Coast Guard certified Type I or Type II marine sanitation device, to portions of San Diego Bay that are greater than 30 feet deep at mean lower low water (MLLW) is prohibited.

**ATTACHMENT B****RECEIVING WATERS MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM  
FOR  
ORDER NO. 2001-193****B.1 Receiving Waters Monitoring Program**

The Copermittees shall collaborate to develop, implement, and report annually on a Receiving Waters Monitoring Program for Orange County within the San Diego Region. The primary objectives of the Receiving Waters Monitoring and Reporting Program include:

- Assessing compliance with Order No. 2001-193;
- Measuring the effectiveness of Urban Runoff Management Plans;
- Assessing the chemical, physical, and biological impacts to receiving waters resulting from urban runoff; and
- Assessing the overall health and evaluating long-term trends in receiving water quality.

Order No. 2001-193 may be modified by the SDRWQCB Executive Officer without further public notice to direct the Copermittees to participate in comprehensive regional monitoring activities in the Southern California Bight in lieu of specific Order 2001-193 receiving waters monitoring requirements during the term of this Order.

**B.2 Receiving Waters Monitoring Program Document**

Within **180** days of the adoption of this Order the Copermittees shall submit to the SDRWQCB a Receiving Waters Monitoring Program document, subject to SDRWQCB review, that incorporates the following components:

- a. Previous Monitoring and Future Recommendations Report; and
- b. Receiving Waters Monitoring Program

**B.2.a. Previous Monitoring and Future Recommendations Report**

The Copermittees shall collaborate to prepare a technical report that provides and analysis and summary of all previous wet weather monitoring results from programs conducted in the watersheds within the San Diego Region under the First Term Permit, the Second Term Permit, and the Orange County Water Quality Monitoring Program (99-04 Plan) currently being implemented by the Copermittees. The report shall also provide recommendations for the Receiving Waters Monitoring Program to comply with the objectives listed in Attachment B.1 above and incorporates the specific receiving waters monitoring requirements of Attachment B.2.b. At a minimum, the report shall:

- (1) Summarize the cumulative findings of all previous wet weather monitoring;
- (2) Identify detectable trends in water quality data and receiving water quality, based on the cumulative previous wet weather monitoring findings;
- (3) Interpret the cumulative previous wet weather monitoring findings;
- (4) Describe the monitoring design, sampling and analytical methods employed in the 99-04 Plan within the San Diego Region;
- (5) Describe the identification of Critical Aquatic Resources and Warm Spots in the 99-04 Plan within the San Diego Region and how these will be addressed in the Receiving Waters Monitoring Program;
- (6) Draw conclusions regarding the cumulative previous wet weather monitoring findings;

- (7) Describe how the monitoring data collected under the previous monitoring programs, including the 99-04 Plan, have been utilized by the Copermittees in the implementation of the 1993 DAMP under Order No. 96-03;
- (8) Describe how the monitoring data collected under this Order will be utilized in the implementation of the Jurisdictional and Watershed Urban Runoff Management Plans;
- (9) Provide recommendations for future monitoring activities in the San Diego Region (i.e. number and location of sampling stations, frequency of sampling, parameters to be analyzed, methods and materials to be used, and a rationale for each) that achieves the objectives listed in section B.1 and incorporates the specific program requirements of section B.2.b of this Attachment; and
- (10) Include an executive summary, introduction, conclusion, and summary of recommendations.

#### B.2.b. Receiving Waters Monitoring Program

The Copermittees shall collaborate to review and revise the existing 99-04 Plan utilizing the findings of the Previous Monitoring and Future Recommendations Report. The revised 99-04 Plan shall incorporate the specific requirements of this section for Orange County within the San Diego Region and henceforth referred to under this Order as the Receiving Waters Monitoring Program. The Receiving Waters Monitoring Program shall at a minimum include, satisfy, or exceed the following requirements:

- (1) The Receiving Waters Monitoring shall be conducted during each reporting period under the Order. A reporting period is defined as October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> of any year. The first reporting period under this Order is October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003.
- (2) Both the annual and long-term objectives of the Receiving Waters Monitoring Program shall be clearly stated and reported annually and shall focus on the primary objectives of the program listed in Attachment B.1.
- (3) The monitoring program design, implementation, analysis, assessment, and reporting shall be conducted annually on a watershed basis for each of the six hydrologic units in the San Juan Watershed Management Area within Orange County (Orange County Coastal Streams – Laguna, Aliso Creek Watershed, Dana Point Watershed, San Juan Creek Watershed, Orange County Coastal Streams – San Clemente, and San Mateo Creek) as defined in the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Region (9) and Watershed Management Chapter for the San Diego Region.
- (4) Monitoring results shall be assessed and reported annually on a watershed basis as a single report by the Copermittees consisting of one common section and six watershed sections. Monitoring, analysis, assessment, and reporting shall satisfy the requirements of specified below for each watershed as applicable.
- (5) Describe how the Copermittees may collaborate with other agencies or organizations conducting similar monitoring, such as the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP), including the possibility of participating in coordinated comprehensive regional monitoring in the Southern California Bight under this Order.
- (6) The Receiving Waters Monitoring Program document shall be submitted to the SDRWQCB for review and comment no later than 180 days following the adoption of this Order.
- (7) Implementation of the Receiving Waters Monitoring Program shall begin no later than June 1, 2002.
- (8) The Receiving Waters Monitoring Program shall incorporate the components listed below and shall address the primary objectives of the Receiving Waters Monitoring Program:
  - (a) Urban Stream Bioassessment
  - (b) Long Term Mass Loading
  - (c) Coastal Storm Drain Outfall Monitoring

## (d) Ambient Coastal Receiving Waters Monitoring

B.2.b.8.a Urban Stream Bioassessment Monitoring

1. The Copermittees shall collaborate to develop and implement an urban stream bioassessment monitoring program. At a minimum, the program shall consist of station identification, sampling, monitoring, and analysis of data for 12 bioassessment stations in order to determine the biological and physical integrity of urban streams within the County of Orange. In addition to the urban stream bioassessment stations, three reference bioassessment stations shall be identified, sampled, monitored, and analyzed. The selection, sampling, monitoring, and analysis of bioassessment stations shall meet the following requirements:
  - a. Each urban stream bioassessment station shall be selected using the following criteria. Each urban stream bioassessment station shall:
    - (1) be located within the jurisdiction of a Copermittee; or
    - (2) be located within one of the six watersheds described above; and
    - (3) be representative of urban stream conditions within one of the six watersheds specified in Section J, Table 4 of this Order; and
    - (4) meet the physical criteria of the California Stream Bioassessment Procedure<sup>1</sup>; and
    - (5) to the extent feasible, coincide with the location of an already existing monitoring station used by the California Department of Fish and Game in the conduct of the SDRWQCB's Ambient Bioassessment Program.
  - b. Each bioassessment station shall be monitored twice annually, in May and October of each year, beginning in June 2002<sup>2</sup>. A minimum of three replicate samples shall be collected at each station during each sampling event.
  - c. Sampling, laboratory, quality assurance, and analysis procedures shall follow the standardized procedures set forth in the California Department of Fish and Game's California Stream Bioassessment Procedure (CSBP). Analysis procedures shall include comparison between station mean values for various biological metrics. Sampling, laboratory, quality assurance, and analytical procedures shall follow the standardized "Non-Point Source Bioassessment Sampling Procedures" for professional bioassessment set forth in the CSBP. In the event that the CSBP "Point-Source Professional Bioassessment Procedure" is performed in place of the "Non Point Source Bioassessment Sampling Procedure," justification and documentation of the procedure shall be submitted with the report. Results of the Urban Stream Bioassessment Monitoring shall be reported annually as part of the overall Receiving Waters Monitoring and Reporting Program for Order No. 2001-193. Reporting of the bioassessment data shall follow the format of the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board 1999 Biological Assessment Annual Report<sup>3</sup>. The report shall include:
    - (1) All physical, chemical and biological data collected in the assessment;

<sup>1</sup> California Stream Bioassessment Procedure (Protocol Brief for Biological and Physical/Habitat Assessment in Wadeable Streams), California Department of Fish and Game – Aquatic Bioassessment Laboratory, May 1999.

<sup>2</sup> Bioassessment sampling shall be performed in May and October each year except 2002 in which the Spring sampling shall be performed in June.

<sup>3</sup> San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board, 1999 Biological Assessment Annual Report. A Water Quality Inventory Series: Biological and Physical/Habitat Assessment of California Water Bodies. California Department of Fish and Game Office of Spill Prevention and Response, Water Pollution Control Laboratory. December 1999.

- (2) Photographic documentation of assessment and reference stations;
  - (3) Documentation of quality assurance and control procedures;
  - (4) Analysis that includes calculation of the metrics used in both the CSBP and the 1999 Annual Report.
  - (5) The assessment shall utilize a regional index of biological integrity when it becomes available.
  - (6) The report shall provide interpretation for comparisons of mean biological and habitat assessment metric values between assessment and reference stations.
  - (7) Electronic data formatted to California Department of Fish and Game Aquatic Bioassessment Laboratory specifications for inclusion in the Statewide Access Bioassessment database.
- d. A professional environmental laboratory shall perform all sampling, laboratory, quality assurance, and analytical procedures. While valuable, data collected by volunteer monitoring organizations shall not be submitted in place of professional assessments.
- e. Reference stations shall be selected following the recommendations in the 1999 Annual Report, Hughes (1995)<sup>4</sup> and Barbour et. al. (1999)<sup>5</sup>. Reference stations shall be evaluated annually by the Copermittees for suitability and the results included in the annual report. New reference stations will be selected as needed by the Copermittees.
2. The Copermittees shall design and implement a program to conduct standardized toxicity testing at urban stream bioassessment stations where the bioassessment data indicates significant impairment. When findings indicate the presence of toxicity, a Toxicity Identification Evaluation (TIE) shall be conducted to determine the cause(s) of the toxicity.

#### B.2.b.8.b Long Term Mass Loading

For purposes of evaluating long-term trends and assessing the effectiveness of urban runoff management programs, the Copermittees shall continue to implement the mass loading monitoring conducted under the 99-04 Plan in Orange County within the San Diego Region. The mass loading monitoring component shall, however, be revised as necessary to ensure adequate coverage of the San Diego Region and to specify that when findings or observations indicate the possible presence of toxicity, a Toxicity Identification Evaluation (TIE) shall be conducted to determine the cause(s) of the toxicity.

#### B.2.b.8.c. Coastal Storm Drain Outfall Monitoring

The Copermittees shall collaborate to develop and implement a monitoring program for discharges of urban runoff from coastal storm drain outfalls. The program shall meet the following requirements:

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4 Hughes, R. M. (1995) Defining Acceptable Biological Status by Comparing with Reference Conditions in Biological Assessment and Criteria: Tools for Water Resource Planning and Decision Making, Wayne S. Davis and Thomas P. Simon eds. Lewis Publishers, Boca Raton, LA.

5 Barbour, M.T. , J Gerritsen, B.D. Synder, and J.B. Stribling (1999) Rapid Bioassessment Protocols For Use in Streams and Wadeable Rivers: Periphyton, Benthic Macroinvertebrates, and Fish. Second Edition. EPA 841-B-99-002.

1. The program shall include rationale and criteria for selection of storm drain outfalls to be monitored.
2. The program shall include collection of samples for analysis of total coliform, fecal coliform, and enterococci, in addition to any other indicators or pathogens identified by the Copermittees.
3. Samples shall be collected at both the storm drain outfall and in the surf zone (at ankle to knee water depths) directly in front of the outfall.
4. Samples shall be collected during both dry and wet weather periods.
5. Exceedances of public health standards for bacteria must be reported to the County of Orange Health Care Agency, Regulatory Health Services, Environmental Health, Ocean Recreation Protection Program as soon as possible by the Copermittees.

**B.2.b.8.d. Ambient Coastal Receiving Water Monitoring**

The Copermittees shall collaborate to develop and implement a program to assess the overall health of the coastal receiving waters and monitor the impact of urban runoff on ambient receiving water quality. This monitoring shall include Dana Cove, the creek and stream mouths, the Pacific Ocean coastline of Orange County within the San Diego region, and all Clean Water Act section 303(d) water bodies or other environmentally sensitive areas as defined in F.1.b.(2)(a)vii of this Order.

**B.3 Implementation of the Receiving Waters Monitoring Program**

Upon approval by the SDRWQCB the Copermittees shall implement the Receiving Waters Monitoring Program.

**B.4 Interim Implementation of the 99-04 Plan**

Until approval of the Receiving Waters Monitoring Program by the SDRWQCB, the Copermittees shall continue to implement the 99-04 Plan as described in Appendix K of the proposed DAMP.

**B.5 Submittal of Receiving Waters Monitoring Annual Reports**

The Principal Permittee shall submit the Receiving Waters Monitoring Annual Report to the SDRWQCB on January 31 of each year, beginning on January 31, 2003.

**B.6 Monitoring Annual Report Requirements**

- a. Monitoring reports shall provide the data/results, methods of evaluating the data, graphical summaries of the data, and an explanation/discussion of the data for each monitoring program component listed above.
- b. Monitoring reports shall include an analysis of the findings of each monitoring program component listed above. The analysis shall identify and prioritize water quality problems. Based on the identification and prioritization of water quality problems, the analysis shall identify potential sources of the problems, and recommend future monitoring and BMP implementation measures for identifying and addressing the sources. The analysis shall also include an evaluation of the effectiveness of existing control measures.

- c. Monitoring reports shall include identification and analysis of any long-term trends in storm water or receiving water quality.
- d. Monitoring reports shall provide an estimation of total pollutant loads (wet weather loads plus dry weather loads) due to urban runoff for each of the watersheds specified in Section J, Table 4 of Order No. 2001-193.
- e. Monitoring reports shall for each monitoring program component listed above, include an assessment of compliance with applicable water quality standards.
- f. All monitoring reports shall use a standard report format and shall include the following:
  - 1. A stand alone comprehensive executive summary addressing all sections of the monitoring report;
  - 2. Comprehensive interpretations and conclusions; and
  - 3. Recommendations for future actions.
- g. All monitoring reports submitted to the Principal Permittee or the SDRWQCB shall contain the certified perjury statement described in Standard Reporting Requirements in Attachment C section B.10.d.
- h. A committee (consisting of no less than three members) shall review all monitoring reports prior to submittal to the SDRWQCB. All review comments shall also be submitted to the SDRWQCB.
- i. All monitoring reports shall be submitted in both electronic and paper formats.
- j. All monitoring reports shall describe monitoring station locations by latitude and longitude coordinates, frequency of sampling, quality assurance/quality control procedures and sampling and analysis protocols.
- k. Monitoring programs and reports shall comply with Section VI of Attachment B, as well as Attachment C.

**B.7 Standard Monitoring Requirements**

- a. All monitoring activities shall meet the following requirements:

- 1. Monitoring and Records [40 CFR 122.41(j)(1)]

Samples and measurements taken for the purpose of monitoring shall be representative of the monitored activity.

- 2. Monitoring and Records [40 CFR 122.41(j)(2)] [California Water Code § 13383(a)]

The discharger shall retain records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports required by this Order, and records of all data used to complete the application for this permit, for a period of at least three years from the date of the sample, measurement, report or application. This period may be extended by request of the SDRWQCB at any time.

- 3. Monitoring and Records [40 CFR 122.21(j)(3)]

Records of monitoring information shall include the information requested in Attachment B and the following:



- a. The date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements;
- b. The individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;
- c. The date(s) analyses were performed;
- d. The individual(s) who performed the analyses;
- e. The analytical techniques or methods used; and
- f. The results of such analyses.

4. Monitoring and Records [40 CFR 122.21(j)(4)]

Monitoring results must be conducted according to test procedures approved under 40 CFR part 136 unless other test procedures have been specified in this Order.

5. Monitoring and Records [40 CFR 122.21(j)(5)]

The Clean Water Act provides that any person who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained under this Order shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment for not more than two years, or both. If a conviction of a person is for a violation committed after a first conviction of such person under this paragraph, punishment is a fine of not more than \$20,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than four years, or both.

6. Monitoring and Records [40 CFR 122.41(k)(2)]

The Clean Water Act provides that any person who knowingly makes any false statement, representation, or certification in any record or other document submitted or required to be maintained under this permit, including monitoring reports or reports of compliance or non-compliance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 per violation, or by imprisonment for not more than six months per violation, or by both.

7. Monitoring Reports [40 CFR 122.41(l)(4)]

Monitoring results shall be reported at the intervals specified elsewhere in this Order.

8. Monitoring Reports [40 CFR 122.41(l)(4)(ii)]

If the discharger monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by the permit using test procedures approved under 40 CFR part 136, unless otherwise specified in the Order, the results of this monitoring shall be included in the calculation and reporting of the data submitted in the reports requested by the SDRWQCB.

9. Monitoring Reports [40 CFR 122.41(l)(4)(iii)]

Calculations for all limitations which require averaging of measurements shall utilize an arithmetic mean unless otherwise specified by the SDRWQCB in the Order.

**ATTACHMENT C****STANDARD PROVISIONS  
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, AND  
NOTIFICATIONS****A. STANDARD PROVISIONS**

1. Duty To Comply [40 CFR 122.41(a)(1)]  
The discharger shall comply with effluent standards or prohibitions established under Section 307(a) of the Clean Water Act for toxic pollutants and with standards for sewage sludge use or disposal established under Section 405(d) of the Clean Water Act within the time provided in the regulations that establish these standards or prohibitions or standards for sewage sludge use or disposal, even if this Order has not yet been modified to incorporate the requirement.
2. Need to Halt or Reduce Activity Not a Defense [40 CFR 122.41(c)]  
It shall not be a defense for the discharger in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this Order. Upon reduction, loss, or failure of a treatment facility, the discharger shall, to the extent necessary to maintain compliance with this Order, control production or all discharges, or both, until the facility is restored or an alternative method of treatment is provided. This provision applies, for example, when the primary source of power of a treatment facility fails, is reduced, or is lost.
3. Duty to Mitigate [40 CFR 122.41(d)]  
The discharger shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge or prevent any discharge or sludge use or disposal in violation of this Order which has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment.
4. Proper Operation and Maintenance [40 CFR 122.41(e)]  
The discharger shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the discharger to achieve compliance with the conditions of this Order. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of back-up or auxiliary facilities or similar systems which are installed by the discharger only when the operation is necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of this Order.
5. Permit Actions [40 CFR 122.41(f)] [California Water Code § 13381]  
This Order may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause including, but not limited to, the following:
  - a. Violation of any terms or conditions of this Order;
  - b. Obtaining this Order by misrepresentation or failure to disclose fully all relevant facts;
  - c. A change in any condition that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the authorized discharge; or
  - d. A determination that the permitted activity endangers human health or the environment and can only be regulated to acceptable levels by permit modification or termination.

The filing of a request by the discharger for modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination of this Order, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not stay any condition of this Order.

6. Property Rights [40 CFR 122.41(g)] [California Water Code §13263(g)]

This Order does not convey any property rights of any sort or any exclusive privilege. The requirements prescribed herein do not authorize the commission of any act causing injury to persons or property, nor protect the discharger from liabilities under federal, state, or local laws, nor create a vested right for the discharger to continue the waste discharge.
7. Inspection and Entry [40 CFR 122.41(i)] [California Water Code § 13267(c)]

The discharger shall allow the SDRWQCB, or an authorized SDRWQCB representative, or an authorized representative of the USEPA (including an authorized contractor acting as a representative of the SDRWQCB or USEPA), upon presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, to:

  - a. Enter upon the discharger's premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records must be kept under the conditions of this Order;
  - b. Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of this Order;
  - c. Inspect at reasonable times any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this Order; and
  - d. Sample or monitor at reasonable times, for the purposes of assuring compliance with this Order or as otherwise authorized by the Clean Water Act or California Water Code, any substances or parameters at any location.
8. Bypass of Treatment Facilities [40 CFR 122.41(m)]
  - a. Definitions
    - (1) "Bypass" means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility.
    - (2) "Severe property damage" means substantial physical damage to property, damage to the treatment facilities which causes them to become inoperable, or substantial and permanent loss of natural resources which can reasonably be expected to occur in the absence of a bypass. Severe property damage does not mean economic loss caused by delays in production.
  - b. Bypass not Exceeding Limitations

The discharger may allow any bypass to occur which does not cause effluent limitations of this Order or the concentrations of pollutants set forth in Ocean Plan Table A or Table B to be exceeded, but only if it also is for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation. These bypasses are not subject to the provisions of paragraphs c. and d. of this provision.
  - c. Notice
    - (1) Anticipated bypass. If the discharger knows in advance of the need for a bypass, it shall submit prior notice, if possible, at least ten days before the date of the bypass.

- (2) Unanticipated bypass. The discharger shall submit notice of an unanticipated bypass as required in section B.7 of Attachment C.

d. Prohibition of Bypass

Bypass is prohibited, and the SDRWQCB may take enforcement action against the discharger for bypass, unless:

- (1) Bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage;
- (2) There were no feasible alternatives to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated wastes, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment downtime. This condition is not satisfied if adequate back-up equipment should have been installed in the exercise of reasonable engineering judgment to prevent a bypass which occurred during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventive maintenance; and
- (3) The discharger submitted notices as required under paragraph c. of this section. The SDRWQCB may approve an anticipated bypass, after considering its adverse effects, if the SDRWQCB determines that it will meet the three conditions listed above in paragraph d.(1) of this section.

9. Upset [40 CFR 122.41(n)]

- a. Definition "Upset" means an exceptional incident in which there is unintentional and temporary noncompliance with technology based effluent limitations because of factors beyond the reasonable control of the discharger. An upset does not include noncompliance to the extent caused by operational error, improperly designed treatment facilities, inadequate treatment facilities, lack of preventive maintenance, or careless or improper operation.
- b. Effect of an Upset An upset constitutes an affirmative defense to an action brought for noncompliance with such technology based permit effluent limitations if the requirements of paragraph c. of this section are met. No determination made during administrative review of claims that noncompliance was caused by upset, and before an action for noncompliance, is final administrative action subject to judicial review.
- c. Conditions Necessary for a Demonstration of Upset A discharger who wishes to establish the affirmative defense of upset shall demonstrate, through properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs, or other relevant evidence that:
  - (1) An upset occurred and that the discharger can identify the cause(s) of the upset;
  - (2) The permitted facility was at the time being properly operated;
  - (3) The discharger submitted notice of the upset as required in section B.7 of Attachment C of this Order; and
  - (4) The discharger complied with any remedial measures required under Provision A.5. of Attachment C of this Order.
- d. Burden of Proof In any enforcement proceeding the discharger seeking to establish the occurrence of an upset has the burden of proof.

10. Other Effluent Limitations and Standards [40 CFR 122.44(b)(1)]

If any toxic effluent standard or prohibition (including any schedule of compliance

specified in such effluent standard or prohibition) is promulgated under Section 307(a) of the Clean Water Act for a toxic pollutant which is present in the discharge and that standard or prohibition is more stringent than any limitation on the pollutant in this Order, the SDRWQCB may institute proceedings under these regulations to modify or revoke and reissue the Order to conform to the toxic effluent standard or prohibition.

11. The discharger shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or correct any adverse impact on the environment resulting from noncompliance with this Order, including such accelerated or additional monitoring as may be necessary to determine the nature and impact of the noncomplying discharge.
12. The provisions of this Order are severable, and if any provision of this Order, or the application of any provision of this Order to any circumstances, is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances, and the remainder of this Order, shall not be affected thereby.
13. The discharger shall comply with any interim effluent limitations as established by addendum, enforcement action, or revised waste discharge requirements which have been, or may be, adopted by this SDRWQCB.

## B. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1. Duty to Reapply [40 CFR 122.41(b)] This Order expires on **November 13, 2006**. If the discharger wishes to continue any activity regulated by this Order after the expiration date of this Order, the discharger must apply for and obtain new waste discharge requirements. The discharger must file a Report of Waste Discharge in accordance with Title 23, California Code of Regulations not later than **180 days** in advance of the expiration date of this Order as application for issuance of new waste discharge requirements.
2. Duty to Provide Information [40 CFR 122.41(h)] The discharger shall furnish to the SDRWQCB, SWRCB, or USEPA, within a reasonable time, any information which the SDRWQCB, SWRCB, or USEPA may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this Order, or to determine compliance with this Order. The discharger shall also furnish to the SDRWQCB, SWRCB, or USEPA, upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this Order.
3. Planned Changes [40 CFR 122.41(l)(1)] The discharger shall give notice to the SDRWQCB as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility. Notice is required only when:
  - a. The alteration or addition to a permitted facility may meet one of the criteria for determining whether a facility is a new source in 40 CFR Part 122.29(b);
  - b. The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification applies to pollutants which are subject neither to effluent limitations in this Order, nor to notification requirements under 40 CFR 122.42(a)(l); or
  - c. The alteration or addition results in a significant change in the discharger's sludge use or disposal practices, and such alteration, addition, or change may justify the application of conditions in this Order that are different from or absent in the existing Order, including notification of additional use or disposal sites not reported during the permit application process or not reported pursuant to an approved land application

plan.

4. Anticipated Non-Compliance [40 CFR 122.41(l)(2)] The discharger shall give advance notice to the SDRWQCB of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity which may result in noncompliance with the requirements of this Order.
5. Transfers [40 CFR 122.41(l)(3)] This Order is not transferable to any person except after notice to the SDRWQCB. The SDRWQCB may require modification or revocation and reissuance of this Order to change the name of the discharger and incorporate such other requirements as may be necessary under the Clean Water Act or the California Water Code in accordance with the following:
  - a. Transfers by Modification [40 CFR 122.61(a)]

Except as provided in paragraph b. of this reporting requirement, this Order may be transferred by the discharger to a new owner or operator only if this Order has been modified or revoked and reissued, or a minor modification made to identify the new discharger and incorporate such other requirements as may be necessary under the Clean Water Act or California Water Code.
  - b. Automatic Transfers [40 CFR 122.61(b)]

As an alternative to transfers under paragraph a. of this reporting requirement, any NPDES permit may be automatically transferred to a new discharger if:

    - (1) The current discharger notifies the SDRWQCB at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date in paragraph b.(2) of this reporting requirement;
    - (2) The notice includes a written agreement between the existing and new dischargers containing a specific date for transfer of permit responsibility, coverage, and liability between them; and
    - (3) The SDRWQCB does not notify the existing discharger and the proposed new discharger of his or her intent to modify or revoke and reissue the Order. A modification under this subparagraph may also be a minor modification under 40 CFR Part 122.63. If this notice is not received, the transfer is effective on the date specified in the agreement mentioned in paragraph b.(2) of this reporting requirement.
6. Twenty-four Hour Reporting [40 CFR 122.41(l)(6)]

Each Copermittee shall develop and submit criteria by which to evaluate events of non-compliance to determine whether they pose a threat to human or environmental health. These criteria shall be submitted in the Jurisdictional Urban Runoff Management Program Document and Annual Reports for SDRWQCB review. Using these criteria the discharger shall report any noncompliance with this Order or any noncompliance that may endanger human health or environmental health. Any information shall be provided orally to the SDRWQCB within **24 hours** from the time the discharger becomes aware of the circumstances. A written description of any noncompliance shall be submitted to the SDRWQCB within **five days** of such an occurrence and contain a description of the noncompliance and its cause; the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times, and if the noncompliance has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent recurrence of the noncompliance. The following shall be included as information which must be reported within 24 hours under this reporting requirement:

- a. Any unanticipated bypass which exceeds any effluent limitation in this Order;
  - b. Any discharge of treated or untreated wastewater, including reclaimed or recycled wastewater, resulting from pipeline breaks, obstruction, surcharge or any other circumstance;
  - c. Any discharge or spill of raw or potable water not authorized by this order or resulting from pipeline breaks, obstruction, surcharge or any other circumstance;
  - d. Any upset which exceeds any effluent limitation in this Order;
  - e. Any spill or discharge of non-storm water not authorized by this Order. Non-storm water discharges not prohibited by the Copermittees pursuant to Section B of this Order need not be reported under this section; and
  - f. Any violation of this Order.
7. Other Non-Compliance [40 CFR 122.41(l)(7)]  
The discharger shall report all instances of noncompliance not reported elsewhere under other sections of this Order at the time annual reports are submitted. The reports shall contain the information listed in part B.6 of Attachment C of this Order.
8. Other Information [40 CFR 122.41(l)(8)]  
Where the discharger becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in a Report of Waste Discharge, or submitted incorrect information in a Report of Waste Discharge, or in any report to the SDRWQCB, it shall promptly submit such facts or information.
9. Signatory Requirements [40 CFR 122.41(k)(1) and 40 CFR 122.22]  
All applications, reports, or information submitted to the SDRWQCB shall be signed and certified.
- a. All Reports of Waste Discharge shall be signed as follows:
    - (1) For a corporation: by a responsible corporate officer. For the purpose of this section, a responsible corporate officer means: (a) a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy- or decision-making functions for the corporation; or (b) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities employing more than 250 persons or having gross annual sales or expenditures exceeding \$25 million (in second-quarter 1980 dollars), if authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures.
    - (2) For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively; or
    - (3) For a municipality, State, Federal or other public agency: by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official. For purposes of this section, a principal executive officer of a Federal agency includes: (a) the chief executive officer of the agency; or (b) a senior executive officer having responsibility for the overall operations of a principal geographic unit of the agency (e.g., Regional Administrators of USEPA).

- b. All reports required by this Order, and other information requested by the SDRWQCB shall be signed by a person described in paragraph a. of this reporting requirement,

or by a duly authorized representative of that person. A person is a duly authorized representative only if:

- (1) The authorization is made in writing by a person described in paragraph a. of this reporting requirement;
  - (2) The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity, such as the position of plant manager, operator of a well or a well field, superintendent, position of equivalent responsibility, or an individual or position having overall responsibility for environmental matters for the company. (A duly authorized representative may thus be either a named individual or any individual occupying a named position.); and,
  - (3) The written authorization is submitted to the SDRWQCB.
- c. If an authorization under paragraph b. of this reporting requirement is no longer accurate because a different individual or position has responsibility for the overall operation of the facility, a new authorization satisfying the requirements of paragraph b. of this reporting requirement must be submitted to the SDRWQCB prior to or together with any reports, information, or applications to be signed by an authorized representative.
- d. Any person signing a document under paragraph a. or b. of this reporting requirement shall make the following certification:

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

10. Except for data determined to be confidential under 40 CFR Part 2, all reports prepared in accordance with the terms of this Order shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the SDRWQCB. As required by the Clean Water Act, Reports of Waste Discharge, this Order, and effluent data shall not be considered confidential.
11. The discharger shall submit reports and provide notifications as required by this Order to the following:

DAVE GIBSON  
NORTHERN WATERSHED PROTECTION UNIT  
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN DIEGO REGION  
9771 CLAIREMONT MESA BLVD SUITE A  
SAN DIEGO CA 92124-1324  
Telephone: (858) 467-4387 Fax: (858) 571-6972



EUGENE BROMLEY  
US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION IX  
PERMITS ISSUANCE SECTION (W-5-1)  
75 HAWTHORNE STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO CA 94105

12. Unless otherwise directed, the discharger shall submit three copies of each report required under this Order to the SDRWQCB and one copy to USEPA.

### C. NOTIFICATIONS

1. California Water Code Section 13263(g)  
No discharge of waste into the waters of the state, whether or not such discharge is made pursuant to waste discharge requirements, shall create a vested right to continue such discharge. All discharges of waste into waters of the state are privileges, not rights.
2. The SDRWQCB has, in prior years, issued a limited number of individual NPDES permits for non-storm water discharges to municipal storm water conveyance systems. The SDRWQCB or SWRCB may in the future, upon prior notice to the Copermittee(s), issue an NPDES permit for any non-storm water discharge (or class of non-storm water discharges) to a municipal storm water conveyance system. Copermittees may prohibit any non-storm water discharge (or class of non-storm water discharges) to a municipal storm water conveyance system that is authorized under such separate NPDES permits.
3. Enforcement Provisions [40 CFR 122.41(a)(2)] [California Water Code §§ 13385 and 13387]  
The Clean Water Act provides that any person who violates section 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405 of the Act, or any condition or limitation of this Order, is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$25,000 per day for each violation. The Clean Water Act provides that any person who negligently violates sections 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318, or 405 of the Act, or any condition or limitation of this Order, is subject to criminal penalties of \$2,500 to \$25,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment of not more than one year, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a negligent violation, a person shall be subject to criminal penalties of not more than \$50,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than two years, or both. Any person who knowingly violates such sections, or such conditions or limitations is subject to criminal penalties of \$5,000 to \$50,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment for not more than three years, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a knowing violation, a person shall be subject to criminal penalties of not more than \$100,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment of not more than six years, or both. Any person who knowingly violates section 301, 302, 303, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405 of the Act, or any condition or limitation of this Order, and who knows at that time that he or she thereby places another person in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury, shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than \$250,000 or imprisonment of not more than 15 years, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a knowing endangerment violation, a person shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$500,000 or by imprisonment of not more than 30 years, or both. An organization, as defined in section 309(c)(3)(B)(iii) of the Clean Water Act, shall, upon conviction of violating the imminent danger provision, be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000,000 and can be fined up to \$2,000,000 for second or subsequent convictions.
4. Except as provided in Standard Provisions A.10. and A.11. in Attachment C of this Order, nothing in this Order shall be construed to relieve the discharger from civil or criminal

penalties for noncompliance.

5. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the discharger from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties to which the discharger is or may be subject to under Section 311 of the Clean Water Act.
6. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to preclude institution of any legal action or relieve the discharger from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties established pursuant to any applicable State law or regulation under authority preserved by Section 510 of the Clean Water Act.
7. This Order shall become effective on **November 13, 2001**, provided the USEPA Regional Administrator has no objection. If the Regional Administrator objects to its issuance, this Order shall not become effective until such objection is withdrawn.
8. This Order supersedes Order No. 96-03 upon the effective date of this Order.

## ATTACHMENT D

### GLOSSARY

**Beneficial Uses** - The uses of water necessary for the survival or well being of man, plants, and wildlife. These uses of water serve to promote the tangible and intangible economic, social, and environmental goals "Beneficial Uses" of the waters of the State that may be protected against include, but are not limited to, domestic, municipal, agricultural and industrial supply; power generation; recreation; aesthetic enjoyment; navigation; and preservation and enhancement of fish, wildlife, and other aquatic resources or preserves. Existing beneficial uses are uses that were attained in the surface or ground water on or after November 28, 1975; and potential beneficial uses are uses that would probably develop in future years through the implementation of various control measures. "Beneficial Uses" are equivalent to "Designated Uses" under federal law. [California Water Code Section 13050(f)].

**Best Available Technology (BAT)** – BAT is the acronym for best available technology economically achievable. BAT is the technology-based standard established by congress in CWA section 402(p)(3)(A) for industrial dischargers of storm water. Technology-based standards establish the level of pollutant reductions that dischargers must achieve, typically by treatment or by a combination of treatment and best management practices, or BMPs. For example, secondary treatment (or the removal of 85% suspended solids and BOD) is the BAT for suspended solid and BOD removal from a sewage treatment plant. BAT generally emphasizes treatment methods first and pollution prevention and source control BMPs secondarily.

The best economically achievable technology that will result in reasonable further progress toward the national goal of eliminating the discharge of all pollutants, as determined in accordance with regulations issued by the Environmental Protection Agency Administrator. Factors relating to the assessment of best available technology shall take into account the age of equipment and facilities involved, the process employed, the engineering aspects of the application of various types of control techniques, process changes, the cost of achieving such effluent reduction, non-water quality environmental impact (including energy requirements), and such other factors as the permitting authority deems appropriate.

**Best Conventional Technology (BCT)** – BCT is an acronym for Best Conventional Technology. BCT is the treatment techniques, processes and procedure innovations, operating methods that eliminate amounts of chemical, physical, and biological characteristics of pollutant constituents to the degree of reduction attainable through the application of the best management practices to the maximum extent practicable.

**Best Management Practices** - Best Management Practices (BMPs) are defined in 40 CFR 122.2 as schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to prevent or reduce the pollution of waters of the United States. BMPs also include treatment requirements, operating procedures and practices to control plant site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or waste disposal, or drainage from raw material storage. In the case of municipal storm water permits, BMPs are typically used in place of numeric effluent limits.

**Bioaccumulate** - The progressive accumulation of contaminants in the tissues of organisms through any route including respiration, ingestion, or direct contact with contaminated water, sediment, pore water, or dredged material to a higher concentration than in the surrounding environment. Bioaccumulation occurs with exposure and is independent of the trophic level.

**Bioassessment** - The use of biological community information to evaluate the biological integrity of a water body and its watershed. With respect to aquatic ecosystems, bioassessment is the collection and analysis of samples of the benthic macroinvertebrate community together with physical/habitat quality measurements associated with the sampling site and the watershed to evaluate the biological condition (i.e. biological integrity) of a water body.

**Bioconcentration** – A process by which there is a net accumulation of a chemical directly from water into aquatic organisms resulting from simultaneous uptake and elimination by gill or epithelial tissue. Bioconcentration differs from bioaccumulation in that bioaccumulation refers to the progressive concentration of contaminants in the tissues of organisms through multiple pathways.

**Biocriteria** - Under the Clean Water Act, numerical values or narrative expressions that define a desired biological condition for a water body that are legally enforceable. The U.S. EPA defines biocriteria as: “numerical values or narrative expressions that describe the reference biological integrity of aquatic communities inhabiting waters of a given designated aquatic life use...(that)...describe the characteristics of water body segments least impaired by human activities.”

**Biological Integrity** - Defined in Karr J.R. and D.R. Dudley. 1981. Ecological perspective on water quality goals. Environmental Management 5:55-68 as: “A balanced, integrated, adaptive community of organisms having a species composition, diversity, and functional organization comparable to that of natural habitat of the region.” Also referred to as ecosystem health.

**Biomagnification** – The transfer and progressive increase in tissue concentrations of a contaminant along the food chain. Because some pollutants can be transferred to higher trophic levels, carnivores at the top of the food chain, such as predatory fish, birds, and mammals (including humans), obtain most of their pollution burden from aquatic ecosystems by ingestion. Thus, although such pollutants may only be present in receiving waters in low concentrations, they can have a significant impact to the integrity of the ecosystem through biomagnification.

**Clean Water Act Section 402(p)** - [33 USC 1342(p)] is the federal statute requiring municipal and industrial dischargers to obtain NPDES permits for their discharges of storm water.

**Clean Water Act Section 303(d) Water Body** - is an impaired water body in which water quality does not meet applicable water quality standards and/or is not expected to meet water quality standards, even after the application of technology based pollution controls required by the CWA. The discharge of urban runoff to these water bodies by the Copermittees is significant because these discharges can cause or contribute to violations of applicable water quality standards.

**Contamination** - As defined in the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, contamination is “an impairment of the quality of waters of the state by waste to a degree which creates a hazard to the public health through poisoning or through the spread of disease. ‘Contamination’ includes any equivalent effect resulting from the disposal of waste whether or not waters of the state are affected.”

**Designated Waste** - Designated waste is defined as a “nonhazardous waste which consists of pollutants which, under ambient environmental conditions at the waste management unit, could be released at concentrations in excess of applicable water quality objectives, or which could cause degradation of waters of the state.” [CCR Title 27, Chapter 3, Subchapter 2, Article 2, Section 20210; WC Section 13173]

**Effluent Limitations** - Limitations on the volume of each waste discharge, and the quantity and concentrations of pollutants in the discharge. The limitations are designed to ensure that the

discharge does not cause water quality objectives to be exceeded in the receiving water and does not adversely affect beneficial uses.

Effluent limitations are limitations of the quantity and concentrations of pollutants in a discharge. The limitations are designed to ensure that the discharge does not cause water quality objectives to be exceeded in the receiving water and does not adversely affect beneficial uses. In other words, an effluent limit is the maximum concentration of a pollutant that a discharge can contain. To meet effluent limitations, the effluent typically must undergo one or more forms of treatment to remove pollutants in order to lower the pollutant concentration below the limit. Effluent limits are typically numeric (e.g., 10 mg/l), but can also be narrative (e.g., no toxics in toxic amounts).

**Erosion** – When land is diminished or worn away due to wind, water, or glacial ice. Often the eroded debris (silt or sediment) becomes a pollutant via storm water runoff. Erosion occurs naturally but can be intensified by land clearing activities such as farming, development, road building, and timber harvesting.

**Grading** - The cutting and/or filling of the land surface to a desired slope or elevation.

**Hazardous Waste** - Hazardous waste is defined as “any waste which, under Section 600 of Title 22 of this code, is required to be managed according to Chapter 30 of Division 4.5 of Title 22 of this code.” [CCR Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 11, Article 1]

**Illicit Discharge** - Any discharge to a municipal separate storm sewer that is not composed entirely of storm water except discharges pursuant to a NPDES permit (other than the NPDES permit for discharges from the municipal separate storm sewer) and discharges resulting from fire fighting activities.

**Inert Waste** - Inert waste is defined as one that “does not contain hazardous waste or soluble pollutants at concentrations in excess of applicable water quality objectives, and does not contain significant quantities of decomposable waste.” [CCR Title 27, Chapter 3, Subchapter 2, Article 2, Section 20230]

**MEP** – MEP is the acronym for Maximum Extent Practicable. MEP is the technology-based standard established by Congress in CWA section 402(p)(3)(B)(iii) that municipal dischargers of storm water (MS4s) must meet. Technology-based standards establish the level of pollutant reductions that dischargers must achieve, typically by treatment or by a combination of treatment and best management practices (BMPs). MEP generally emphasizes pollution prevention and source control BMPs primarily (as the first line of defense) in combination with treatment methods serving as a backup (additional line of defense). MEP considers economics and is generally, but not necessarily, less stringent than BAT. A definition for MEP is not provided either in the statute or in the regulations. Instead the definition of MEP is dynamic and will be defined by the following process over time: municipalities propose their definition of MEP by way of their Urban Runoff Management Plan. Their total collective and individual activities conducted pursuant to the Urban Runoff Management Plan becomes their proposal for MEP as it applies both to their overall effort, as well as to specific activities (e.g., MEP for street sweeping, or MEP for municipal separate storm sewer system maintenance). In the absence of a proposal acceptable to the SDRWQCB, the SDRWQCB defines MEP.

In a memo dated February 11, 1993, entitled "Definition of Maximum Extent Practicable," Elizabeth Jennings, Senior Staff Counsel, SWRCB addressed the achievement of the MEP standard as follows:

*“To achieve the MEP standard, municipalities must employ whatever Best Management Practices (BMPs) are technically feasible (i.e., are likely to be effective) and are not cost*

*prohibitive. The major emphasis is on technical feasibility. Reducing pollutants to the MEP means choosing effective BMPs, and rejecting applicable BMPs only where other effective BMPs will serve the same purpose, or the BMPs would not be technically feasible, or the cost would be prohibitive. In selecting BMPs to achieve the MEP standard, the following factors may be useful to consider:*

- a. Effectiveness: Will the BMPs address a pollutant (or pollutant source) of concern?*
- b. Regulatory Compliance: Is the BMP in compliance with storm water regulations as well as other environmental regulations?*
- c. Public Acceptance: Does the BMP have public support?*
- d. Cost: Will the cost of implementing the BMP have a reasonable relationship to the pollution control benefits to be achieved?*
- e. Technical Feasibility: Is the BMP technically feasible considering soils, geography, water resources, etc?*

*The final determination regarding whether a municipality has reduced pollutants to the maximum extent practicable can only be made by the Regional or State Water Boards, and not by the municipal discharger. If a municipality reviews a lengthy menu of BMPs and chooses to select only a few of the least expensive, it is likely that MEP has not been met. On the other hand, if a municipal discharger employs all applicable BMPs except those where it can show that they are not technically feasible in the locality, or whose cost would exceed any benefit derived, it would have met the standard. Where a choice may be made between two BMPs that should provide generally comparable effectiveness, the discharger may choose the least expensive alternative and exclude the more expensive BMP. However, it would not be acceptable either to reject all BMPs that would address a pollutant source, or to pick a BMP base solely on cost, which would be clearly less effective. In selecting BMPs the municipality must make a serious attempt to comply and practical solutions may not be lightly rejected. In any case, the burden would be on the municipal discharger to show compliance with its permit. After selecting a menu of BMPs, it is the responsibility of the discharger to ensure that all BMPs are implemented."*

**Municipal Storm Water Conveyance System** – (See Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System or MS4).

**Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)** – MS4 is an acronym for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. A Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System is a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, natural drainage features or channels, modified natural channels, man-made channels, or storm drains): (i) Owned or operated by a State, city town, borough, county, parish, district, association, or other public body (created by or pursuant to State law) having jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial wastes, storm water, or other wastes, including special districts under State law such as a sewer district, flood control district or drainage district, or similar entity, or an Indian tribe or an authorized Indian tribal organization, or designated and approved management agency under section 208 of the CWA that discharges to waters of the United States; (ii) Designated or used for collecting or conveying storm water; (iii) Which is not a combined sewer; (iv) Which is not part of the Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) as defined at 40 CFR 122.2.

Historic and current development make use of natural drainage patterns and features as conveyances for urban runoff. Urban streams used in this manner are part of the municipalities MS4 regardless of whether they are natural, man-made, or partially modified features. In these cases, the urban stream is both an MS4 and a receiving water.

**National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)** - These permits pertain to the discharge of waste to surface waters only. All State and Federal NPDES permits are also WDRs.

**Non-hazardous Solid Waste** - Non-hazardous solid waste means all putrescible and nonputrescible solid, semi-solid, and liquid wastes, including garbage, trash, refuse, paper, rubbish, ashes, industrial wastes, demolition and construction wastes, abandoned vehicles and parts thereof, discarded home and industrial appliances, manure, vegetable or animal solid and semi-solid wastes and other discarded solid or semi-solid waste; provided that such wastes do not contain wastes which must be managed as hazardous wastes, or wastes which contain soluble pollutants in concentration which exceed applicable water quality objectives or could cause degradation of waters of the state." [CCR Title 27, Chapter 3, Subchapter 2, Article 2, Section 20220]

**Non Point Source (NPS)** – Non point source refers to diffuse, widespread sources of pollution. These sources may be large or small, but are generally numerous throughout a watershed. Non Point Sources include but are not limited to urban, agricultural, or industrial areas, roads, highways, construction sites, communities served by septic systems, recreational boating activities, timber harvesting, mining, livestock grazing, as well as physical changes to stream channels, and habitat degradation. NPS pollution can occur year round any time rainfall, snowmelt, irrigation, or any other source of water runs over land or through the ground, picks up pollutants from these numerous, diffuse sources and deposits them into rivers, lakes, and coastal waters or introduces them into ground water.

**Non-Storm Water** - Non-storm water consists of all discharges to and from a storm water conveyance system that do not originate from precipitation events (i.e., all discharges from a conveyance system other than storm water). Non-storm water includes illicit discharges, non-prohibited discharges, and NPDES permitted discharges. An illicit discharge is defined at 40 CFR 122.26(b)(2) as any discharge to a municipal storm water conveyance system that is not composed entirely of storm water except discharges pursuant to a separate NPDES permit and discharges resulting from emergency fire fighting activities.

**Nuisance** - As defined in the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act a nuisance is "anything which meets all of the following requirements: 1) Is injurious to health, or is indecent, or offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property. 2) Affects at the same time an entire community or neighborhood, or any considerable number of persons, although the extent of the annoyance or damage inflicted upon individuals may be unequal. 3) Occurs during, or as a result of, the treatment or disposal of wastes."

**Numeric effluent limitations** - The typical method by which effluent limits are prescribed for pollutants in waste discharge requirements implementing the federal NPDES regulations. When numeric effluent limits are met at the "end-of-pipe", the effluent discharge generally will not cause water quality standards to be exceeded in the receiving waters (i.e., water quality standards will also be met).

**Person** - A person is defined as an individual, association, partnership, corporation, municipality, State or Federal agency, or an agent or employee thereof. [40 CFR 122.2].

**Point Source** - Any discernible, confined, and discrete conveyance, including, but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, container, rolling stock, concentrated animal feeding operations, landfill leachate collection systems, vessel, or other floating craft from which pollutants are or may be discharged.

**Pollution** - As defined in the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, pollution is “the alteration of the quality of the waters of the State by waste, to a degree that unreasonably affects the either of the following: A) The waters for beneficial uses; or 2) Facilities that serve these beneficial uses.” Pollution may include contamination.

**Pollutant** - A pollutant is broadly defined as any agent that may cause or contribute to the degradation of water quality such that a condition of pollution or contamination is created or aggravated.

**Pollution Prevention** - Pollution prevention is defined as practices and processes that reduce or eliminate the generation of pollutants, in contrast to source control, treatment, or disposal.

**Post-Construction BMPs** - A subset of BMPs including structural and non-structural controls which detain, retain, filter, or educate to prevent the release of pollutants to surface waters during the final functional life of development.

**Pre-Development Runoff Conditions** - The runoff conditions that exist onsite immediately before the planned development activities occur. This definition is not intended to be interpreted as that period before any human-induced land activities occurred. This definition pertains to redevelopment as well as initial development.

**Receiving Water Limitations** - Waste discharge requirements issued by the SDRWQCB typically include both: (1) “Effluent Limitations” (or “Discharge Limitations”) that specify the technology-based or water-quality-based effluent limitations; and (2) “Receiving Water Limitations” that specify the water quality objectives in the Basin Plan as well as any other limitations necessary to attain those objectives. In summary, the “Receiving Water Limitations” provision is the provision used to implement the requirement of CWA section 301(b)(1)(C) that NPDES permits must include any more stringent limitations necessary to meet water quality standards.

**Sediment** - Soil, sand, and minerals washed from land into water. Sediment resulting from anthropogenic sources (i.e. human induced land disturbance activities) is considered a pollutant. This Order regulates only the discharges of sediment from anthropogenic sources and does not regulate naturally occurring sources of sediment. Sediment can destroy fish-nesting areas, clog animal habitats, and cloud waters so that sunlight does not reach aquatic plants.

**Storm Water** - “Storm water” is as defined urban runoff and snowmelt runoff consisting only of those discharges which originate from precipitation events. Storm water is that portion of precipitation that flows across a surface to the storm drain system or receiving waters. Examples of this phenomenon include: the water that flows off a building’s roof when it rains (runoff from an impervious surface); the water that flows into streams when snow on the ground begins to melt (runoff from a semi-pervious surface); and the water that flows from a vegetated surface when rainfall is in excess of the rate at which it can infiltrate into the underlying soil (runoff from a pervious surface). When all factors are equal, runoff increases as the perviousness of a surface decreases. During precipitation events in urban areas, rain water picks up and transports pollutants through storm water conveyance systems, and ultimately to waters of the United States.

**Toxicity** - Adverse responses of organisms to chemicals or physical agents ranging from mortality to physiological responses such as impaired reproduction or growth anomalies). The water quality objectives for toxicity provided in the Water Quality Control Plan, San Diego Basin, Region 9, (Basin Plan), state in part... *“All waters shall be free of toxic substances in concentrations that are toxic to, or that produce detrimental physiological responses in human, plant, animal, or aquatic life....The survival of aquatic life in surface waters subjected to a waste*



*discharge or other controllable water quality factors, shall not be less than that for the same water body in areas unaffected by the waste discharge"....* Urban runoff discharges from MS4s are considered toxic when (1) the toxic effect observed in an acute toxicity test exceeds zero Toxic Units Acute (Tua=0); or (2) the toxic effect observed in a chronic toxicity test exceeds one Toxic Unit Chronic (Tuc=1). Urban runoff discharges from MS4s often contain pollutants that cause toxicity.

**Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)** - The TMDL is the maximum amount of a pollutant that can be discharged into a water body from all sources (point and non-point) and still maintain water quality standards. Under Clean Water Act section 303(d), TMDLs must be developed for all water bodies that do not meet water quality standards after application of technology-based controls.

**Urban Runoff** - Urban runoff is defined as all flows in a storm water conveyance system and consists of the following components: (1) storm water (wet weather flows) and (2) non-storm water illicit discharges (dry weather flows).

**Waste** - As defined in California Water Code Section 13050(d), "waste includes sewage and any and all other waste substances, liquid, solid, gaseous, or radioactive, associated with human habitation, or of human or animal origin, or from any producing, manufacturing, or processing operation, including waste placed within containers of whatever nature prior to, and for purposes of, disposal."

Article 2 of CCR Title 23, Chapter 15 (Chapter 15) contains a waste classification system which applies to solid and semi-solid waste which cannot be discharged directly or indirectly to water of the state and which therefore must be discharged to land for treatment, storage, or disposal in accordance with Chapter 15. There are four classifications of waste (listed in order of highest to lowest threat to water quality): hazardous waste, designated waste, nonhazardous solid waste, and inert waste.

**Water Quality Objective** - Numerical or narrative limits on constituents or characteristics of water designated to protect designated beneficial uses of the water. [California Water Code Section 13050 (h)]. California's water quality objectives are established by the State and Regional Water Boards in the Water Quality Control Plans.

As stated in the Porter-Cologne Requirements for discharge (CWC 13263): "(Waste discharge) requirements shall implement any relevant water quality control plans that have been adopted, and shall take into consideration the beneficial uses to be protected, the water objectives reasonably required for that purpose, other waste discharges, the need to prevent nuisance, and the provisions of Section 13241."

A more comprehensive list of legal authority containing water quality objectives applicable to this Order can be found in Finding 37 and in Section VII Directives Discussion Underlying Broad Legal Authority for Order 2001-193 pp. 61-63.

Numeric or narrative limits for pollutants or characteristics of water designed to protect the beneficial uses of the water. In other words, a water quality objective is the maximum concentration of a pollutant that can exist in a receiving water and still generally ensure that the beneficial uses of the receiving water remain protected (i.e., not impaired). Since water quality objectives are designed specifically to protect the beneficial uses, when the objectives are violated the beneficial uses are, by definition, no longer protected and become impaired. This is a fundamental concept under the Porter-Cologne Act. Equally fundamental is Porter-Cologne's definition of pollution. A condition of pollution exists when the water quality needed to support designated beneficial uses has become unreasonably affected or impaired; in other words, when

the water quality objectives have been violated. These underlying definitions (regarding beneficial use protection) are the reason why all waste discharge requirements implementing the federal NPDES regulations require compliance with water quality objectives. (Water quality objectives are also called water quality criteria in the Clean Water Act.)

**Water Quality Standards** - are defined as the beneficial uses (e.g., swimming, fishing, municipal drinking water supply, etc.) of water and the water quality objectives necessary to protect those uses.

**Waters of the State** - Any water, surface or underground, including saline waters within the boundaries of the State [California Water Code Section 13050 (e)]. The definition of the Waters of the State is broader than that for the Waters of the United States in that all water in the State is considered to be a Waters of the State regardless of circumstances or condition. Under this definition, a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) is always considered to be a Waters of the State.

**Waters of the United States** - Waters of the United States can be broadly defined as navigable surface waters and all tributary surface waters to navigable surface waters. Groundwater is not considered to be a Waters of the United States. Under this definition (see below), a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) is always considered a Waters of the United States.

As defined in the 40 CFR 122.2, the Waters of the U.S. are defined as: “**(a) All waters, which are currently used, were used in the past, or may be susceptible to use in interstate or foreign commerce, including all waters which are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide;** (b) All interstate waters, including interstate “wetlands;” (c) All other waters such as intrastate lakes, rivers, streams (including intermittent streams), mudflats, sandflats, “wetlands,” sloughs, prairie potholes, wet meadows, playa lakes, or natural ponds the use, degradation or destruction of which would affect or could affect interstate or foreign commerce including any such waters: (1) Which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes; (2) From which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce; or (3) Which are used or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce; (d) All impoundments of waters otherwise defined as waters of the United States under this definition: **(e) Tributaries of waters identified in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this definition;** (f) The territorial seas; and (g) “Wetlands” adjacent to waters (other than waters that are themselves wetlands) identified in paragraphs (a) through (f) of this definition. Waters of the United States do not include prior converted cropland. Notwithstanding the determination of an area’s status as prior converted cropland by any other federal agency, for the purposes of the Clean Water Act, the final authority regarding Clean Water Act jurisdiction remains with the EPA.”

**Watershed** - That geographical area which drains to a specified point on a water course, usually a confluence of streams or rivers (also known as drainage area, catchment, or river basin).

## **ATTACHMENT E**

### **DRY WEATHER MONITORING PROGRAM SPECIFICATIONS - URBAN RUNOFF**

#### **E.1 Dry Weather Monitoring Program**

Each Copermittees shall review and revise as necessary its Dry Weather Monitoring Program to comply with section F.5 of this Order. The Dry Weather Monitoring Program for each Copermittee shall meet or exceed the specifications of this Attachment. The objectives of the Dry Weather Monitoring Program are:

- Assessing compliance with Order No. 2001-193;
- Detect and eliminate illicit discharges and illegal connections to the MS4; and
- Characterize urban runoff within the MS4 system with respect to water quality constituents that may cause or contribute to exceedances of receiving water quality objectives when discharged to receiving waters.

#### **E.2 Dry Weather Monitoring Program Document**

Based upon a review of its Detection/Elimination of Illegal Discharges and Illicit Connections Program, each Copermittee shall revise or develop a Dry Weather Monitoring Program Document that meets or exceeds the specifications listed in section E.4 of this Attachment. The Dry Weather Monitoring Program shall be designed and implemented to address the objectives listed in section E.1 of this Attachment. Each Copermittee shall submit its Dry Weather Monitoring Program to the Principal Permittee as part of its Jurisdictional Urban Runoff Management Program Document on the date prescribed by the Principal Permittee. The Principal Permittee shall collectively submit the dry weather monitoring maps and procedures to the SDRWQCB within **365** days of adoption of this Order.

#### **E.3 Implementation of the Dry Weather Monitoring Program**

Each Copermittee shall implement its Dry Weather Monitoring Program by May 1, 2003. Following the adoption of this Order and prior to implementation of the Dry Weather Monitoring Program under the Jurisdictional URMP, each Copermittee shall continue to implement the Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection programs and commitments described in the Orange County Water Quality Monitoring Program (99-04 Plan) and the proposed Drainage Area Management Plan (DAMP).

#### **E.4 Dry Weather Monitoring Program Specifications**

Each Copermittee shall develop or revise its Dry Weather Monitoring Program to meet or exceed the following requirements:

- a. Develop MS4 Map: Each Copermittee shall develop or obtain an up-to-date labeled map of its entire municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) and the corresponding drainage watersheds within its jurisdiction. The use of a Geographic Information System (GIS) is highly recommended, but not required. The accuracy of the MS4 map shall be confirmed and updated at least annually during monitoring activities.

- b. Monitoring Stations: Based upon a review of its past Dry Weather Monitoring Programs, each Copermittee shall select dry weather monitoring stations within its jurisdiction to be monitored in the Dry Weather Monitoring Program.
- (1) Each Copermittee shall develop or revise its program to describe the rationale used to determine the number and locations of stations necessary to comply with the Order.
  - (2) Each Copermittee shall confirm that each major drainage area within its jurisdiction contains at least one station.
  - (3) Stations shall be either major outfalls or other outfall points (or any other point of access such as manholes) located throughout the MS4 to provide adequate coverage of the entire MS4 system.
  - (4) Each Copermittee shall clearly identify each dry weather monitoring station on its MS4 Map as either a separate GIS layer or a map overlay hereafter referred to as a Dry Weather Monitoring Stations Map.
- c. Determining Sampling Frequency: Dry weather analytical and field screening monitoring shall be conducted at each identified station at least twice between May 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year or as more frequently as the Copermittee determines is necessary to comply with the requirements of Section F.5 of the Order.
- (1) Each Copermittee shall develop or revise written procedures that describe the criteria and process used to determine the number and frequency of inspections, field screening and analytical monitoring to be performed.
  - (2) Any changes in Dry Weather Monitoring inspection or sampling frequency shall be described and reported in detail annually in the Dry Weather Monitoring Report section of the Jurisdictional URMP Annual Report.
- d. Develop Dry Weather Analytical Monitoring Procedures: Each Copermittee shall develop or revise written procedures for dry weather analytical and field screening monitoring (consistent with 40 CFR part 136), that shall include field observations, field screening monitoring, and analytical monitoring.
- (1) The Dry Weather Monitoring Program shall be designed to emphasize frequent, geographically widespread inspections, monitoring, and follow up investigations to detect illicit discharges and illegal connections. At a minimum, the procedures must be based on or incorporate the following guidelines and criteria:
    - (a) At each site inspected or sampled, record general information such as time since last rain, quantity of last rain, site descriptions (i.e., conveyance type, dominant watershed land uses), flow estimation (i.e., width of water surface, approximate depth of water, approximate flow velocity, flow rate), and visual observations (e.g., odor, color, clarity, floatables, deposits/stains, vegetation condition, structural condition, and biology).
    - (b) If flow or ponded runoff is observed at a station and there has been at least seventy-two (72) hours of dry weather, shall make observations and collect at least one (1) set of grab samples for field screening and/or analytical testing that meets or exceeds the requirements of section E.4.d.1.d (Field Screening Parameters) or E.4.d.1.e (Analytical Monitoring Parameters).
    - (c) Perform field screening analysis on all sites with ponded or flowing water and at a minimum collect samples at no less than 25% of these sites for analytical testing.
    - (d) Field Screening Monitoring Parameters: At a minimum, conduct field screening analysis of the following constituents:
      - (1) Specific conductance (calculate estimated Total Dissolved Solids).

- (2) Turbidity
- (3) pH
- (4) Reactive Phosphorous
- (5) Nitrate Nitrogen
- (6) Ammonia Nitrogen
- (7) Phenol

(e) Analytical Monitoring Parameters: At a minimum, collect samples for analytical laboratory analysis of the following constituents:

- (1) Total Hardness
- (2) Surfactants (MBAS)
- (3) Oil and Grease
- (4) Diazinon and Chlorpyrifos
- (5) Cadmium (Dissolved)
- (6) Copper (Dissolved)
- (7) Lead (Dissolved)
- (8) Zinc (Dissolved)
- (9) Enterococcus Bacteria
- (10) Total Coliform Bacteria
- (11) Enterococcus Bacteria

(f) If the station is dry (no flowing or ponded runoff), make and record all applicable observations and select another station from the list of alternate stations for monitoring.

- (2) The Dry Weather Monitoring Program shall include criteria for dry weather inspection, analytical and field screening monitoring results whereby exceedance of the criteria will require follow-up investigations to be conducted to identify the source causing the exceedance of the criteria.
- (3) Dry weather analytical and field screening monitoring stations identified to exceed dry weather monitoring criteria for any constituents shall continue to be screened in subsequent years.
- (4) The Dry Weather Monitoring Program shall include procedures for source identification follow up investigations in the event of exceedance of dry weather analytical and field screening monitoring result criteria. These procedures shall be consistent with procedures required in section F.5.c. of this Order.
- (5) The Dry Weather Monitoring Program shall include procedures to eliminate detected illicit discharges and connections. These procedures shall be consistent with each Copermittee's Illicit Discharge and Elimination component of its Jurisdictional Urban Runoff Management Plan as discussed in section F.5 of this Order.
- (6) During monitoring, the accuracy of its MS4 map and shall be confirmed. Correct any inaccuracies in either the MS4 map or the Dry Weather Monitoring Stations Map and resubmit the corrected maps in the next annual report.

#### **E.5 Summarize and Report Dry Weather Monitoring Results**

As part of its individual Jurisdictional URMP Annual Report, each Copermittee shall summarize and report on its Dry Weather Monitoring Program results. The data shall be presented in tabular and graphical form. The reporting shall include all inspection, field screening, and analytical monitoring results. Each Copermittee shall also report all follow up and elimination activities for potential illicit discharges and connections undertaken by the Copermittee during that year. Dry weather analytical monitoring reports shall comply with all monitoring and standard reporting requirements in Attachments B and C of Order 2001-193.

The Principal Permittee shall submit to the SDRWQCB the individual Dry Weather Monitoring reports as part of the unified Jurisdictional URMP Annual Report on January 31, 2003, and every year thereafter.